

Cochran Grange, Main House  
U.S. Route 301, 1 mile west  
of Middletown and Route 71  
Middletown Vicinity  
New Castle County  
Delaware

HABS No. DE-208-A

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE<br>DELAWARE  | COUNTY<br>NEW CASTLE | TOWN OR VICINITY<br>MIDDLETOWN VICINITY  |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)<br>COCHRAN GRANGE COMPLEX, MAIN HOUSE   |                      | HABS NO.<br>DE-208-A                     |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE   |                      |  |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)<br>U.S. Route 301 (South Side), 1 mile west of Middletown and junction of Routes 301 and 71   |                      |  |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)<br>1842-45 (oral history)  |                      | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)<br>Unknown |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)<br>Cochran Grange was built by John P. Cochran, the governor of Delaware from 1875 - 1879, and he resided here throughout much of his adult life. Cochran was one of the leaders in the development of peach growing in Delaware and eventually became the largest peach producer in St. George's Hundred. Cochran's interest in architecture is evidenced in the (cont)  |                      |  |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)<br>Italianate   |                      |  |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick bearing wall on brick foundation, asphalt shingle roof, wood joists and floors, wood windows and doors, wood porches and trim.   |                      |  |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)<br>Rectangular with rectangular side wing and full width porch on front and rear facades.  |                      |  |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Flemish bond brick facade with common bond brickwork on sides and rear and scored stucco on east wall of main block and wing, nearly flat roof originally sheathed in standing seam tin now covered in asphalt shingle, projecting eaves around the main block and two-story facade porch above a cornice with a denticulated frieze, flat-roofed square cupola with a pair of double-hung windows on each side which originally had Greek Revival detailing, full-width porches at front and rear of main block, (cont) |                      |  |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior has simple window and door architraves in all 3 of the main floor rooms with panels and window cornices with Greek Revival detailing marking each of the six windows in the ballroom, black marble fireplaces in all of the first floor rooms, wooden fireplace mantels in the second floor rooms and an old kitchen with rough plaster whitewashed walls which has had the cooking fireplace and bake oven restored.   |                      |  |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES   |                      |  |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE<br>Occupied and maintained as a farm by a direct descendent of John P. Cochran, the client/builder.  |                      |  |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE   |                      |  |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)<br>National Register of Historic Places, Delaware Cultural Resource Survey (N-117)  |                      |  |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION<br>Joan N. Larrivee, State of Delaware, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs  |                      | DATE<br>June 30, 1986                    |

SIGNIFICANCE (con't)

style of his house which is unique in the region. The house remains in the hands of the Cochran family.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (con't)

a two-story porch at the front supported by panelled Doric Pillars and a one-story porch at the rear supported by fluted Doric pillars, 6 over 6 double-hung sash, and a frontispiece with sidelights and an elliptical fanlight.